



VA Central California HCS Pharmacy VALOR Program

Year 2014

Experiences available in:

- Acute Internal medicine
- Practice Management
- Ambulatory Care Clinics
- Pharmacy Benefits Management
- Long Term Care
- Home Based Primary Care

Educational opportunities:

- P&T Committee
- Multidisciplinary team meetings
- Case presentations
- Journal clubs
- Chart reviews and SOAP notes
- Medication use evaluations
- Formulary management projects
- Pharmacy newsletter



VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR)

The VALOR Program is an honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in clinical pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA healthcare facility. The VALOR program focuses on development of skills and knowledge required for clinical pharmacy practice by providing competency based clinical practice experiences under the supervision of a clinical pharmacist preceptor.



Develop your clinical pharmacy skills!

The VA Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS) at Fresno, located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, offers a great opportunity for young practitioners to develop their clinical skills in a diverse practice setting. The VACCHCS is a 54 bed acute care, general medical and surgical center with state of the art primary, secondary and tertiary care in the major diagnostic and treatment specializations. Extensive outpatient services are provided in a managed care environment with two Primary Care Teams and numerous specialty care clinics, including women's health. A 60-bed Community Living Center provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation care.



VACCHCS is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry, geriatrics, and extended care.

Students will rotate through different functional areas in the hospital each week getting exposure to areas ranging from inpatient and outpatient pharmacy to geriatrics and ambulatory care. Through working with our unique patient population, pharmacy students will receive opportunities to learn more about a comprehensive span of disorders stemming from war. These include exposure to chemical agents, traumatic injuries, psychiatric illness, and many more. Along with building clinical skills, students will also gain exposure to the financial aspects of pharmacy through rotations in managed care. Students will gain a better understanding of drug use criteria, formulary management, P&T committees, and drug procurement. Lastly, students will work together in multidisciplinary teams consisting of MD's, Pharm.D.'s, Nurse practitioners, RN's, and other health care providers. Each of these clinicians will mentor students through perspectives, and will help the student gain a multidimensional perspective of health care.



Benefits

- 10 week, 40hrs/week, full time, paid internship (400 hours of pharmacy related work)
- Salary is equal to 80% of the minimum entry level for new graduates (approximately \$17.87/hr.)
- Potential to be hired above minimum entry salary after graduation
- Work with teams of health care providers in a structured, internship with weekly rotations through a comprehensive set of functional areas (listed on pg. 2)
- Managed care, patient-safety, drug-use criteria, and other projects
- Build your communication, patient-care, and clinical skills through individualized mentorship from some of the brightest, most compassionate clinicians in practice.
- Learn about the VA health care system: the largest integrated health care system in the U.S.A.



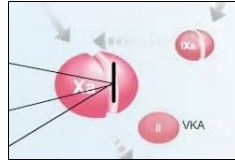
Structured Internship—Rotations

Exposure Areas

- Outpatient Pharmacy
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Ambulatory Care
 - Pulmonary Clinic
 - Anticoagulation Clinic
 - Infectious Disease Clinic
 - Women's Health Clinic
- Internal Medicine
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Administrative Pharmacy



- Geriatrics
- Managed Care Pharmacy
- Smoking Cessation Program



Application

Requirements:

- Completion of the second year of an accredited school or college of pharmacy
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent on coursework taken in pharmacy school
- United States citizen
- Meet physical examination standards if selected
- Able to complete 400 hours required by program typically between May 2014- September 2014.



Packets are now submitted online and application requirements can be found in the posting announcement. The web address for this posting can be found below.



VACCHCS Fresno

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Applications are being accepted via USAjobs until 4/14/14:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/364190100>